



# LAKELANDS NEWS

## A message from The Headteacher

This academic year saw us all hoping that we were going to have a year of normality and uninterrupted learning. Sadly, Covid decided otherwise, despite our efforts with handwashing, sanitising and now, once again, masks.

Like most schools in Shropshire, we found ourselves watching the alarming numbers of positive cases, and realised that, despite our optimism, we are most definitely not out of the woods yet as a nation. Nonetheless, the changing government guidance for September has allowed some aspects of our pre-Covid life to return. It's lovely to see our youngsters allowed to play football again at break and lunchtimes (I think this was the hardest of all the restrictions they faced last year to explain to them!) and to see clubs and activities getting going again. We also had our first school council meeting of the year recently, and it was great to see this forum for student voice in action again. Form representatives take their role very seriously, and spoke eloquently about issues ranging from safeguarding, to school lunches, to site maintenance, showing a real desire to make Lakelands as good as it can be for everybody.

I'm also delighted to see year group assemblies back on the timetable. Last year most were held remotely, with staff recording them for form tutors to show in class. There was nothing wrong with these (in fact, some were extremely creative) but we are a **community**, and being together at key moments is really important to our family ethos.

The new education secretary has indicated that exams will be going ahead in summer 2022 for Year 11 students. I think there is a general feeling in education that we will see exams back again for this cohort. Because of the disruption students have experienced already, there will be modifications to some subjects for 2022, though not to all. Staff are working incredibly hard to make sure that our students have the very best opportunity to succeed, and to make sure that they can achieve to their fullest potential next year. Our Year 11s are understandably anxious, but they are in very safe and experienced hands.

This term we have introduced **DEAR** time, on a rolling programme through the fortnight, for years 7 and 8. **DEAR** stands for 'Drop Everything and Read' and it is twenty minutes where everybody – including the teacher – focuses on a reading book. Research shows that this will be an excellent investment of time. Literacy is vital for student success in all subjects, because if pupils can't understand what they are being asked to do in exam questions, they may have incredible scientific, mathematical or technical subject knowledge, but they won't know what they have to do to show it off. As Dr Seuss said: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

On a far more sombre note, this term we have been responding to the report published in the summer by the DfE report on 'Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges.' One of the saddest aspects of the report was that far too many young people across the UK were recorded as saying that they thought that they had to put up with inappropriate things being said to them, or peers invading their personal space uninvited. I've made it very clear in assemblies that such behaviours will not be tolerated, and that the only way that we can create a society with boundaries and respect, is by challenging things that may have seemed acceptable decades ago, but certainly aren't in 2021.

Today I was reminded (as if I could ever forget) that we have incredible young people in this school, who look beyond their own issues and priorities, and work as a team to support others. At breaktime, an impressive queue snaked out of the hall and through reception, as the classic Lakelands cake sale made its comeback. This one was organised by our Year 11 prefects who were raising funds for Macmillan Cancer support. If ever there was a good excuse for eating cake, this was it!

Have a lovely half term, wherever you are and whatever you are doing. Not long now to Christmas!

Sophy Bellis

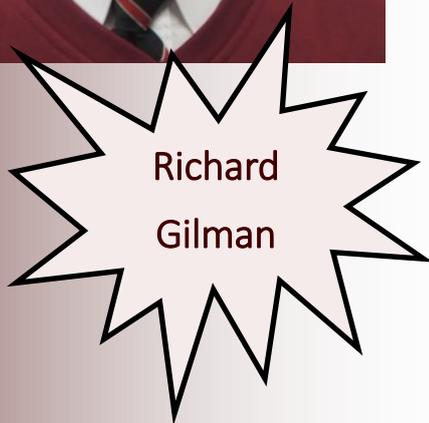
Headteacher

# Lakelands Prefects

## 2021 / 22



Cassie  
Edwards



Richard  
Gilman



Dennis Cripps

Olivia Sherry

Michelle Chan

Alistair Clarke



Back Row (L-R): Rafi Gibson, Iwan Davies, Adam Sweeney, Jess Ripon, Carter Gibbons, Ben Edwards  
Middle Row (L-R) Jacob Evans, Sam Ankers, Frankie Kynaston-Bradbury, Oliver Greenaway, Joshua Williams  
Front Row (L-R): Jack Squire, Grey Edge, Paige Hurdman, Archie Kendall, Lucy Sutherland



Back Row (L-R): Charlie Lingard-Jones, Lucas Allum, Madeleine Slack, Aimee Davies, Issy Wilson, Edmund Stokes, Dan Gathercole  
Middle Row (L-R): Jessica Dubicki, Kate Llewellyn, Jessica Smith, Kaitlin Smith, Kieran Taylor, Kacey Owen  
Front Row (L-R): Sophie Mosey, Lucy Jones, Aisha Thomas, Grace Parkhurst, Emily Williams, Charlotte Bird-Roberts



Back Row (L-R): Danny Edwards, Kyle Beckett, James Roberts, Charlie Adams, Henry Hayes  
Middle Row (L-R): Louis Ankers, Ben Newbrook-Miah  
Front Row (L-R): Faith Richardson, Libby Price, Jess Roe, Chloe Thomas, Lola Griffiths



(L-R): Cassie Edwards, Richard Gilman, Michelle Chan, Alistair Clarke, Olivia Sherry, Dennis Cripps



Well, after a restful summer holiday we have made a very busy start to the school year up in the English department and kicked off the new term with some great incentives for our students. Firstly, we have launched an English rewards system, whereby students receive stickers for a variety of things-good behaviour, extra effort, being helpful and polite, great homework, engaging well in class discussions, the list goes on! There are sweet treats as rewards once the students have been awarded a certain number of stickers. So far, this has been a really positive system with students desperate to earn stickers and win prizes! Some students are competing with each other to win as many as possible. We've also introduced 'Phone Call Friday', whereby a student is promised a phone call home at the end of the week from their class teacher. It has been very uplifting to deliver good news to parents and carers at the start of the weekend and the contact with teachers has been very much appreciated.

Our new year 7s are adapting brilliantly to life at Lakelands and it's lovely to see lots of new faces around the school. In English lessons we have been reading 'My Father is a Polar Bear' by Michael Morpurgo and writing our own autobiographies. For homework, year 7 and 8 students have taken 'extreme reading' photographs: pictures of themselves reading their favourite books in a place that tells us something about themselves. We've had a great response and photos have shown students reading on football fields, at the top of mountains, with their pets and even upside-down on a trampoline! My photo was taken reading 'The Road' by Cormac McCarthy whilst performing with my band at Shrewsbury's Oktoberfest- a very random moment!

This term has also seen the arrival of our new librarian, Helen Gordon, who has done a fantastic job of reopening the library and encouraging students to make use of it. Lunchtimes up there are getting very busy and will become even busier after the launch of our new Accelerated Reader programme, which will help students choose books appropriate for their ability and interests as well as encouraging them to read more. We are very excited about AR and can't wait to get it up and running in school- watch this space! Reading, as you know, is so important and any extra encouragement to get children to read at home as well as school is always really appreciated!

Our Half Term Hero awards are due to be given out this week too! Look out for a certificate coming home or through the post, and well done to last term's winners!

Have a lovely half term break!

From Team English



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At breaktime and lunchtime on Tuesday 19th October, a small group of Year 11 prefects (Michelle Chan, Cassie Edwards, Aisha Thomas, Lucy Jones, Jessica Dubicki, Ebony Tomkins, Maddie Slack, Grace Parkhurst) held a cake sale in school in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. They do a lot of good work supporting patients and their families who are suffering with the many issues a cancer diagnosis brings.



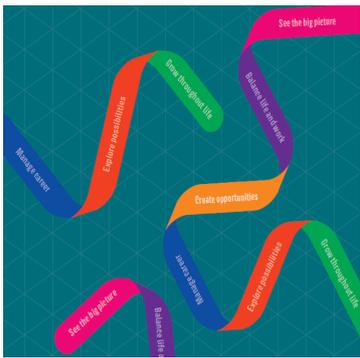
**HUGE THANKS TO STUDENTS , PARENTS & STAFF WHO SENT IN DONATIONS .**



**Work Experience making a welcome comeback to Lakelands**

In Summer 2022 we will be encouraging our year 10 students to 'spread their wings', and test out the world of work for a week before their summer break. It's been a long time in the planning, but we are excited to be offering this opportunity to our students. We feel it will really help them to focus and grow into young enterprising adults ready for the challenge of y11. We look forward to being able to document this journey as it goes ahead and sharing this with you.

If you are in the position of being able to support us with this by having a student work with you or if you know of someone who can, please get in touch with our careers Leader by emailing: [Vicky.wilkinson2@taw.org.uk](mailto:Vicky.wilkinson2@taw.org.uk)



## **COVID-19 consent form for Pfizer BioNTech (Comirnaty®) vaccination**

The vaccination nursing team from NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin will be visiting Lakelands on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 to vaccinate students aged 12 and over against Covid-19 with a single dose of the Pfizer Biotech vaccine, subject to receiving written consent from parents. By the time you receive this newsletter you should have received a letter regarding this vaccination programme together with a consent form which **must** be returned to Lakelands no later than 3<sup>rd</sup> November if you wish your child to be vaccinated. Please take the opportunity to discuss the vaccination with your child, further information can be found via:

[www.gov.uk/government/collections/covid-19-vaccination-programme](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/covid-19-vaccination-programme)

Information about the vaccinations will be put on your child's health records.

# **2021/2022 TERM DATES**

## **AUTUMN TERM 2021**

**PD Day** - Friday 22nd October

**HALF TERM** - Monday 25th - Friday 29th October

**CHRISTMAS** - Monday 20th December - Monday 3rd  
January

## **SPRING TERM 2022**

**PD Day** - Tuesday 4th January

Wednesday 5th January - Friday 8th April

**HALF TERM** - Monday 21st - Friday 25th February

**EASTER** - Monday 11th - Friday 22nd April

## **SUMMER TERM 2021**

Monday 25th April - Wednesday 20th July

Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd May

**HALF TERM** - Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

First day of Summer holidays - Wednesday 20th July

# REPORTING AN ABSENCE

If we are expecting your child to be in school and they are unable to attend, please telephone, **not email**.

If your child is absent for more than one day, please note that we require you to phone **every morning**, not just on the first day of absence.

These are safeguarding requirements.

To report an absence please ring 01691 622543



## Reminder

Pupils must arrive at school on time in the mornings and be on site ready for the 8.55am bell.

## CYCLE PERMITS



Please collect a letter from reception if you want to bring your bike to the Academy.

# Lakelands & Lakeside Academy

Lakelands Academy has teamed up with Lakeside coaches to bring Lakelands students exclusive travel to and from school.



COACH 1 PICK UP/DROP OFF	PICK UP	DROP OFF	COACH 2 PICK UP/DROP OFF	PICK UP	DROP OFF
Oswestry Coach Park AM/Railway Tavern PM	07:55	16:17	Park Hall Inglis Road	08:20	15:50
Oswestry Park Gates	08:00	16:14	Whittington Rose Hill Drive	08:23	15:47
Oswestry Cabin Lane	08:03	16:11	Whittington Three Trees	08:25	15:45
Oswestry Unicorn Road	08:05	16:09	Penybryn Avenue	08:27	15:43
Colour Supplies	08:07	16:07	Hinford Junction	08:28	15:42
Gobowen Co-Op	08:12	16:02	Ellesmere The Brow	08:32	15:38
Gobowen Fern Hill Lane	08:14	16:00	Lakelands Academy	08:35	15:35
St Martins Stans	08:19	15:55			
St Martins Coopers Lane	08:21	15:53			
Criftins Parish Hall	08:27	15:47			
Lakelands Academy	08:40	15:35			

TELEPHONE: 01691 622543 | EMAIL: [finance@lakelandsacademy.org.uk](mailto:finance@lakelandsacademy.org.uk)

# UNIFORM REMINDER

Please see below a list of areas of concern to focus on as part of our uniform and appearance code. A reminder of the uniform code is in your child's diary.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and for helping us to support the strong values of Lakelands Academy.

*Please label all uniform and belongings. This really helps us when trying to reunite lost property with its owner.*

## GOOD



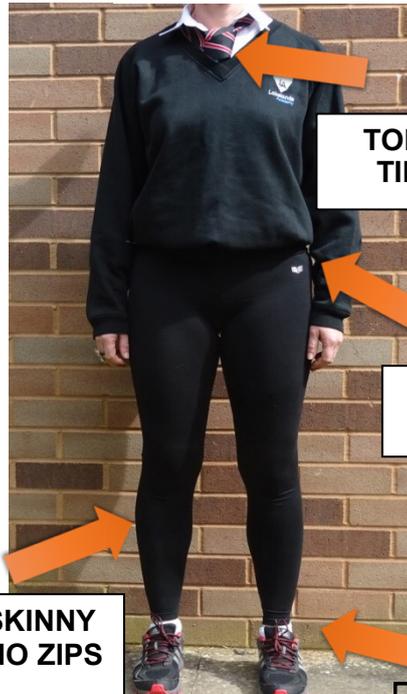
TOP BUTTON / TIE FASTENED

BLACK KNEE LENGTH SKIRT

BLACK SENSIBLE (FLAT) SHOES - NOT BOOTS

**Single small stud in each ear is permissible but no other piercings are allowed.**

## BAD



TOP BUTTON / TIE UNDONE

JUMPER TUCKED IN

LEGGINGS/SKINNY TROUSERS/NO ZIPS

TRAINERS

## BAD

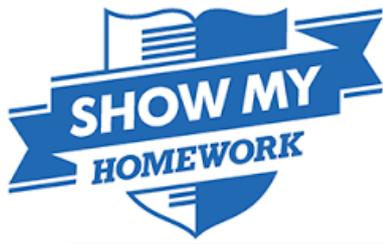


TOP BUTTON / TIE UNDONE

SHIRT UNTUCKED

SKIRT TOO SHORT/ TOO TIGHT OR LYCRA

TRAINERS



**PARENTS/CARERS PLEASE  
REMEMBER TO CHECK SHOW MY  
HOMEWORK. YOU WILL BE ABLE  
TO SEE WHAT HOMEWORK HAS  
BEEN SET AND IN SOME CASES IF  
THE HOMEWORK HAS BEEN  
HANDLED IN.**

# Attention All Parents!

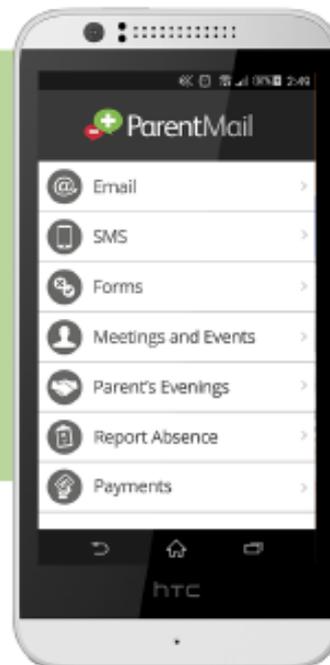


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